

Examiner J. Allan Shriver, Examiner Cynthia F. Collado, the inventor Frank Ferraro and the inventor's attorney Daniel Burke.

REMARKS

During the interview, it was pointed out that each of the independent claims, namely Claims 1, 52 and 83, recites "an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section and a horizontal support".

The prior art relied upon, namely U.S. Patent No. 6,557,955 to Saravis, is directed to a modular storage system constructed of identical square panels. Each of the panels comprises a snap-in latch and catch panel.

Specifically, Saravis states that "the cube is formed of five square panels 111 ... At each end 115, of each edge 114, near the corners 116 of each panel 111, a latch/catch pair 200 is formed." See Col. 3, lines 49-57. The latch is constructed "out of a material with sufficient flexibility, memory and/or lubricity" such that the enlarged head 203 may be withdrawn or snapped out of the slot 204. Thus the panels of the Saravis storage unit are clearly meant to be readily assembled and disassembled.

The '953 patent to Rabinovitz discloses an adjustable interlocking system for computer peripherals and other desktop electronics wherein brackets are attached to each of the electronic devices and the brackets are designed to allow stacking of those computer peripherals.

As pointed out during the interview, neither Saravis nor Rabinovitz teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention comprising an integrally formed frame comprising two substantially vertical sides, a back section and a horizontal support.


The Examiners are respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below if they have any questions or comments which may expedite the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. The Examiners are respectfully requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number set forth below if they have any questions or comments which may expedite the prosecution of this application.

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